

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-43. (Canceled)

44. (Currently Amended) A method of acquiring tissue from within a hollow body organ, comprising:

positioning a first acquisition member and a second acquisition member adjacent to a region of tissue within the hollow body organ, wherein the first and second acquisition members are in apposition to one another along a first longitudinal axis in an open configuration and the first and second acquisition members each include a tissue adhering cavity;

adhering tissue from the region within each of the first and second acquisition members into the tissue adhering cavities of the first and second tissue acquisition members; and

compressing the adhered tissue between the first and second acquisition members in a closed configuration while the tissue remains within the tissue adhering cavities.

45. (Original) The method of claim 44 further comprising fastening the adhered tissue between the first and second acquisition members with at least one fastener.

46. (Original) The method of claim 45 further comprising removing the first and second acquisition members from the hollow body organ.

47. (Original) The method of claim 44 further comprising advancing the first and second acquisition members transesophageally into the hollow body organ.

48. (Original) The method of claim 44 further comprising reconfiguring the first and second acquisition members from a closed configuration to an open configuration prior to positioning.

49. (Original) The method of claim 44 wherein positioning the first acquisition member and the second acquisition member comprises aligning the members adjacent to a lesser curvature.

50. (Original) The method of claim 44 wherein adhering tissue comprises drawing tissue into each of the first and second acquisition members via a vacuum force created in an opening in each of the members.

51. (Original) The method of claim 44 wherein adhering tissue comprises adhering tissue simultaneously to the first and second acquisition members.

52. (Original) The method of claim 44 wherein adhering tissue comprises adhering tissue sequentially to the first and second acquisition members.

Claims 53-117. (Canceled)